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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS

REF: GUATEMALA 8472, STATE 305831

1. DEPT SUGGESTS EMBASSY PREPARE SEPARATE INVENTORIES OF ARTICLES IDENTIFIABLE FOR EACH DECEDENT (I.E. WALLETS, TRAVELERS CHECKS, ETC.) AND A JOINT INVENTORY TO INCLUDE ALL ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIABLE AS TO OWNER. LATTER SHOULD BE AS DETAILED IN DESCRIPTION AS POSSIBLE RE COLOR, FABRIC, SIZE, ETC. TO ASSIST FAMILIES IN IDENTIFICATION. (AVOID USE OF TERMS SUCH AS BURNED, BLOODSOAKED ETC.) INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY AND COPIES OF JOINT INVENTORY SHOULD BE SENT TO EACH NOK OR SURVIVING SPOUSE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLAIMING THE EFFECTS.

2. CONOFF SHOULD REQUEST THAT ADDRESSEES IDENTIFY ITEMS ON JOINT LIST, IF POSSIBLE. CONOFF SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT NOK'S DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES POSSIBLE OF RETURNING UNIDENTIFIABLE ITEMS TO ONE DESIGNATED LOCATION IN U.S. FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION. DEPENDING UPON VALUE
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OF IDENTIFIABLE EFFECTS IN EACH CASE, CONOFF MAY WISH REQUIRE LETTERS TESTAMENTARY OR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

IF VALUE DOES NOT WARRANT AND OWNERSHIP OF INDIVIDUAL ITEMS NOT DISPUTED, CONFF MIGHT CONSIDER AFFIDAVIT OF NOK (7 FAM 446.2-3). BLANK AFFIDAVIT FORMS CAN BE

DISTRIBUTED FROM DEPT IF POST REQUESTS IT TO SAVE TIME.

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPMENT OF PISTOL WILL FOLLOW, WHEN
OWNERSHIP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.
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